

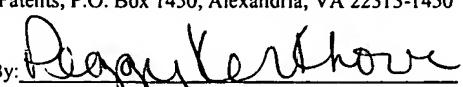
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: OSAWA, et al. Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 10/678,932 Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: October 3, 2003 Docket: 10873.1297US01
Confirmation No.: Unknown Notice of Allow. n/a
Due Date: January 3, 2004 Date:
Title: BOOSTING CIRCUIT AND NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE DEVICE
CONTAINING THE SAME



CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 17, 2003.


By: Peggy Kerkhove
Name: Peggy Kerkhove

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

23552
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

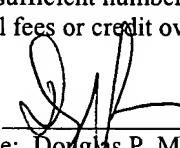
Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 3 Reference(s)
- Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
612.332.5300


By: _____
Name: Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No.: 80,300
DPM/pjk



S/N 10/678,932

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	OSAWA, et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	10/678,932	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed:	October 3, 2003	Docket No.:	10873.1297US01
Title:	BOOSTING CIRCUIT AND NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE DEVICE CONTAINING THE SAME		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 17, 2003.

By: Peggy Kerkhove
Name: Peggy Kerkhove

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

US 5,969,988 is an English equivalent of JP 7-111095.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

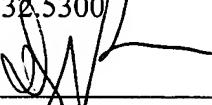
reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
(612)332-5300

By: 
Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300

Dated: December 17, 2003

DPM/pjk

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number: 10873.1297US01	Application Number: 10/678,932
DEC 22 2003			
O P E JC158			
Applicant: OSAWA, et al.			
Filing Date: October 3, 2003		Group Art Unit: Unknown	

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	